

### LAWS AND POLICIES

The section that follows contains a matrix of information on Federal and State laws and policy guidance from the Iowa Association of School Boards on matters pertaining to school safety, ranging from items supporting prevention programs and activities to those dealing with possession of weapons and illegal drugs. The matrix is intended to serve as a reference that will guide district leadership to the legal and policy information needed.

An article follows the matrix on the provisions related to discipline of I.D.E.A.'97 that address protections for students with disabilities. As this document is printed, those provisions are being re-examined as part of re-authorization of the Elementary and Secondary Act (ESEA) of 1994. The paper included in this handbook not only deals with the legal specifics, but also the principles on which the laws are based.